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RESPONSE-1 PROTEIN (EGR-1) TO REDUCE
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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 28, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to a March 28, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 28, 2002 Office Action is due April 28, 2002. However, since March 28, 2002 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday April 29, 2002, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

The Examiner required restriction to one of the allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

I. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-14, 16-19, 21-25, and 27, allegedly